(SRI V. S. PATIL)

should be transferred to Districts for improving administration, is the Government aware that the officers in the Secretariat are rather worse than the officers serving in the mofussil?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—The allegation, if I am to say, is absolutely false.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Just to keep up their seniority and their capacity and all that, will the Government make it a point to send all the senior officers to the Government of India? You have to spare some of the senior officers and you have not complied with the request of the Government of India. Will the Government at least make up their mind to depute all the senior officers to the Government of India?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—There are certain rules under which we will have to depute senior officers to the Government of India. The rules are there and we cannot be irregular and illegal

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Construction of Salt-Water Exclusion Dam over Yedamavinahole in Coondapur Taluk.

 $*Q._551$. Sri Y. MANJAYA SHETTY (Baindur).—

Will the Government be pleased to

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct Salt-Water Exclusion Dam, over Yedamavinahole in Coondapoor Taluk, South Kanara District;

(b) if so, the steps they have taken

in the matter?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The estimate is under scrutiny.

Sri Y. MANJAYA SHETTY.—May I know how much time the Government will take to sanction this scheme and also to take up the execution of this important work?

†Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It is now under the scrutiny of the Chief Engineer. The Government will make all efforts to finalise it quickly.

Sri Y. MANJAYA SHETTY.—Is the Government aware that this scheme was once approved by the Government and tenders have been called and because the estimate was not correct, again the estimate was revised and now it is under the scrutiny of the Government?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—All that is correct.

Formation of Village Panchayet at Halagi in Belgaum Taluk.

*Q.__606. Sri V. S. PATIL (Belgaum).__

Will the Government be pleased to state:

- (a) what were the recommendations of the Tahsildar, Belgaum Taluk, of the Assistant Commissioner, Belgaum Division, of the Committee of M.L.A.'s and M.L.C.'s held by the Deputy Commissioner, Belgaum, and that of the Commissioner, Belgaum Division, with regard to the formation of a Village Panchayat at Halage in Belgaum Taluk;
- (b) whether they have received any representations from the people of Halage and Akarwad as well as from the M.L.A.'s concerned in this matter;
- (c) whether the Minister had informed the M.L.A.'s that the election to this Gram-Panchayat would be postponed and if so what steps have been taken by the Government in this respect?
- A.—Sri T. SUBRAMANYA (Minister for Law, Labour and Local Self-Government).
- (a) The Deputy Commissioner and the Divisional Commissioner, Belgaum,

proposed 'Halage' to be declared as a village.

- (b) Yes.
- (c) No such promise was given.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—I have asked for the Report of Tahsildar and Assistant Commissioner, Belgaum Division, along with the Deputy Commissioner and the Commissioner. The answer is given only in respect of Deputy Commissioner and the Commissioner. May I know whether the Government has got any reports of the Tahsildar and the Assistant Commissioner of Belgaum Division?

†Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Sir, the communications from the Assistant Commissioner, Tahasildar, and Deputy Commissioner are of a recommendature and confidential nature. I am not prepared to disclose all those things, but ultimately the recommendation came that Halage may be retained as a separate village.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—So far as this village is concerned, is the Government aware that M.L.As, and M.L.Cs. were called by the Deputy Commissioner and after full consultation they had recommended that Halage should be declared as separate village for panchayat?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—That was the instruction issued from Government to various Deputy Commissioners that they must contact all people's representatives including M.L.As. and M.L.Cs. and send their recommendations to the Government. But that is not the final order with regard to this matter.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—The question is that the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner and Tahasildar, all the M.L.As. and M.L.Cs. had recommended a particular thing; may I know what is the reason for the Government to defy all those recommendations and come to another conclusion?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Sir, I can satisfy my Hon'ble friend by saying that Halage and Akarwad were grouped together in the preliminary notification. It was there. But the

reasons given by the authorities or by the M.L.As. to bifurcate these two villages and join Akarwad and Mastimaldi are also before me. I find that Halage and Akarwad were sought to be bifurcated on linguistic grounds which appreciate. Secondly not Halage and Akarwad are within a distance of 7 furlongs, whereas Akarwad which is sought to be joined to Mastimaldi is 4 miles and one furlong Therefore, the Government away. after considering all these things thought not to accept the recommendation and accepted the preliminary notification of having Halage and Akarwad together.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—So far as this recommendation is concerned Halage has got a population of three thousand and Akarward has got a population of only one thousand. Both the villages have complained that they do not want merger of these two villages as one is big and the other small. In spite of the recommendations of the representatives of the people, what is the reason to set aside the recommendations by the Government?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—The first part is not correct. We have received representations from both the villages that they may be clubbed together. There are also representations received to the contrary. But the Government acted upon these two facts, i.e., both the Maharashtrian and Kannadigas cannot be allowed to live separately for all time and that they should come together.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—That is a good idea.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—And the next is Halage and it is within seven furlongs of Akarward. Akarward which was sought to be joined with Mastimaldi is at a distance of four miles and one furlong and several rivulets and nalas have to be crossed.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—Is it a fact that one Congressman came here and met the Hon'ble Minister and persuaded him to set aside all the recommendations of the lower officers as well as that of the M.L.A.s and M.L.C.s?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—In this connection, I do not remember to have talked to any man. I do not know whether he is a Congressman, much less a Congressman so far as Belgaum district is concerned. I have got a map also. I can show to Hon'ble friends here that Mastimaldi is four miles and one furlong away from Akarward. Therefore no Congressman has sought to influence me.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—On the contrary, it was the M.E.S. members who came and approached me.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—We have approached the Hon'ble Minister in charge as well as the Chief Minister for justice. But we have found that in spite of the recommendations from below and the wishes of the people, the Chief Minister as well as the Minister in charge were pleased to accept the recommendations of a four-anna walla Congressman ignoring all those people!

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Sir, I have understood the question. There is no question of a four-anna wallaor a two-anna walla. There was the question of only whether we should allow the recommendation of the officers which was arrived after consultation with the local M.L.A.s and M.L.C.s, which I know are got on linguistic considerations. I was not prepared to accept it.

(Interruption)

It was done purely on two grounds; nearness of the place is one and secondly, we wanted both Kannada people and Marathi people to live together, and not to be separated for all time. It was a preliminary notification and we have stuck to it.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—The Hon'ble Minister was pleased to say that the recommendation was based on linguistic consideration. May I know from the Hon'ble Minister whether the Kannada, M.L.A.s and M.L.C.s unanimously recommended that Halage should be separated? Were they not a party to the recommendation?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—I do not know it. But some Kannada M.L.A.s

and M.L.C.s came and told me that it should not be done so. Apart from their opinion, I was guided by the requirements of the local conditions for bifurcation.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—In the meeting that was convened by the Deputy Commissioner, of the M.L.A.s and MLCs of the district, is it not a fact that all of them unanimously, even the Kannada M.L.A.s and M.L.C.s, made a recommendation that Halage should be made a separate Panchayat?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—I do not know who were all present and who were not present. I am aware that a recommendation was sent by the Divisional Commissioner that Halage may be made into a separate Panchayat, which I did not accept.

Steps to Make Hubli-Sholapur Road an All Weather Road.

*Q.-491. Sri R. M. PATIL (Navalgund).--

Will the Government be pleased to state:

whether they intend to take steps forthwith to make Hubli-Sholapur Road an all weather road by raising the level of bridges on Benninala near Navalgund and Mallaprabha near konnur?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

Yes; raising of the causeways near Navalgund and near Konnur will be considered according to the availability of funds and relative priorities.

Sri R. M. PATIL.—May I know when the consideration will be over?

†Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.— The whole project is under execution and a number of works have been taken up on the Hubli-Sholapur Road, and it is to bring it to a high-way level.

Sri R. M. PATIL.—If it is under execution, why should we say that it is under consideration?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—In the matter of these two projects, we have